

οὐρανὸν εἰσανάντων οἵδες οὐρανόθεν καταβαῖνων.

τῶν ἔτερος μὲν γῆν τε καὶ εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης

ἥσυχος μάντρεφεται καὶ μείλιχος ἀνθρώποισι,

τοῦ δὲ σιδηρέη μὲν κραδόη, χάλκεον δέ οἱ ἦτορ

765 ηγλεές ἐν στήθεσσιν ἔχει δέ δὲ σρῶτα λάβησιν
ἀνθρώπων ἔχθρος δέ καὶ ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσιν.

ἔνθα θεοῦ χθονίου πρόσθετο δόρμοι ἡχήειτες

Ιψθίμου τὸν Ἀΐδεω καὶ ἐπαινῆς Περσεφονείης

ἐστόσιν, δεινὸς δὲ κάνων προπάροιθε φυλάσσει,

770 ηγλείης, τόχνην δὲ πακῆν ἔχει· ἐξ μὲν ίόντες
σταίνει ὅμως οὐρῆγε τε καὶ οὖαστιν ἀμφοτέροισιν,

ἔξελθειν δέ οὐκ αἴτις ἐξ πάλιν, ἀλλὰ δοκεῖν
ἐστίει, δὲν κε λάβησι πιλέων ἐκτοσθειν ίόντα.

Ιψθίμου τὸν Ἀΐδεω καὶ ἐπαινῆς Περσεφονείης.

775 ένθα δὲ ναιετάει στυγερὴ θεὸς ἀθανάτοισι,
δεινὴ Στύξ, θιγάτηρ ἀλυρρόσου Ωκεανοίο

πρεσβυτάτη τόσφιν δέ θεῶν κλετὰ δάκρατα ναιει
μακρῆσιν πέτρυσι κατηρεφε· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη

κιοσιν ἀργυρέοισι πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἐστήρικται.

780 παῦρα δέ Θεύματος θιγάτηρ πόδας ὥκεα τὸν Ίρις
ἀγγελίην πωλεῖται ἐπ' εὐρέα νῶτα θαλάσσης.

ὅππότερ ἔρις καὶ νεῖκος ἐν ἀθανάτοισιν δρηγται,

καὶ βόστις φειδηγιαι Ολύμπια δώματας ἔχόντων,

Ζεὺς δέ τε τὸν Ίριν ἐπεμψε θεῶν μέγαν δρκον ἐνείκαι

785 τηλόθειν ἐν χρυσέῃ προχόῳ πολινάτυμον ἕδωρ,
ψυχρόν, δέ τοι ἐκ πέτρης καταλείβεται ἡλιβάτοιο

763 om. II29, Par. 2772; παρ. Wolf

774 habet τ, om. ak

781 ἀγγελίη Guyet -η ΙΙ3²α & ἀγγελίην Scorial. Φ III 16
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up into the sky nor when he comes back down from the sky. One of them passes gently over the earth and the broad back of the sea and is soothing for human beings. But the other one's temper is of iron, and the bronze heart in his chest is pitiless: once he takes hold of any human, he owns him; and he is hateful even for the immortal gods.

(767) That is where, in front, stand the echoing houses of the earthly god, of powerful Hades and of dread Persephone, and a terrible dog guards them in front, pitiless. He has an evil trick upon those going in he fawns alike with his tail and with both ears, but he does not let them leave again: instead, observing them closely he devours whomever he catches trying to go out from the gates of powerful Hades and dread Persephone.

(775) That is where the goddess dwells who is loathsome for the immortals, terrible Styx,⁴¹ the oldest daughter of backward-flowing Ocean. She lives apart from the gods in a famous mansion vaulted with great crags; it is set fast upon silver pillars on every side reaching toward the sky all around. Seldom does Thaumas' daughter, swift-footed Iris, travel to her with a message upon the broad back of the sea: whenever strife and quarrel arise among the immortals and one of those who have their mansions on Olympus tells a lie, Zeus sends Iris to bring from afar in a golden jug the great oath of the gods, the much-renowned water, icy, which pours down from a great, lofty